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1. DEPT. DISAPPOINTED RE IMCO RESPONSE ON MC KEW
CANDIDACY FOR MALTA POST. WE CONSIDER HIM WELL QUALIFIED
TO PERFORM ALL FUNCTIONS OF POSITION AND IN ADDITION HE
WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS TO CONSIDERABLE COAST GUARD

EXPERTISE AFTER HIS RETIREMENT. SHOULD A MORE QUALIFIED CANDIDATE BE FOUND BY IMCO AND UNEP, NON-SELECTION OF U.S. CANDIDATE WOULD BE UNDERSTANDABLE, BUT WE EXPECT IMCO TO EXERCISE ETHICAL AND NON-ARBITRARY STANDARDS OF QUALIFICATIONS.

2. IN VIEW OF UNEP FUNDING, IO/IR DISCUSSED MATTER WITH PETER THACHER PRESENTLY HEAD OF UNEP EUROPEAN OFFICE WHO WILL TAKE OVER UNEP DEPUTY DIRECTORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER. WE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT POLICY COULD MEAN NO U.S. CANDIDATES WOULD HAVE CHANCE TO SERVE ON REGIONAL PROGRAMS. HE SUGGESTED WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT MC KEW TO IMCO, SINCE THERE IS SOME QUESTION THAT COMPETENT OFFICER FROM AREA WILL BE PROPOSED WHO IS ACCEPTABLE TO UNEP AND THEREFORE A SLIM CHANCE MAY STILL EXIST FOR MC KEW. ALSO, WE WERE ADVISED THAT UNEP HAS FUNDED GLOBAL PROGRAM OFFICER POST (S) IN THIS FIELD AND THERE IS NO REASON WHY U.S. CANDIDATE COULD NOT BE APPOINTED THERE. PAPERS ON MC KEW ARE BEING SENT TO THACHER IN GENEVA AND FOR HIS OFFICE IN NAIROBI WITH THE HOPE THAT MC KEW WILL REMAIN A CANDIDATE.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY MONITOR IMCO RE ANY DEVELOPMENTS ON MALTA POST AS WELL AS OPENING UP OF GLOBAL JOBS.
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